

Brownlow, Kellie

From: Brownlow, Kellie
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2016 2:52 PM
To: 'Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta)'
Cc: Lee, Tim
Subject: RE: Request

Dan

As I said yesterday, you are once again approaching your story with a pre-determined narrative and you are not interested in reporting the facts as they are. The Board was never required to issue the greenspace bonds. If that was the case the referendum notice would have said "shall issue" not "if issued." For the record, four Commissioners voted in favor of the Cobb County's partnership on SunTrust Park, not just Tim Lee. However, it is Tim Lee who is initiating Board consideration of revisiting the greenspace bonds as long as it does not require raising taxes. I am sure you will not use this in your story, because it would be fair reporting, but following is an additional statement from Chairman Lee.

Kellie

Dan,

Let me be clear, I will not support a tax increase for greenspace proposed by you or anyone else. While we were negotiating a partnership with the Atlanta Braves on the ballpark, we were focused on what was perhaps the most transformational economic development project in Cobb County's history. Never once did I see this as a choice between acquiring greenspace for Cobb County or a 1.2 billion investment in Cobb County. The Board also made a large investment in public safety and never once did I see this as a choice between public safety and greenspace. The Board also reduced the millage rate to prerecession levels and never once did I see this as a choice between greenspace and lower taxes. The Board also made good on our commitment to roll back the water transfer rate and never once did I see this as a choice between greenspace and reducing the water transfer.

Tim

From: Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta) [mailto:Dan.Klepal@ajc.com]
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2016 12:07 PM
To: Brownlow, Kellie
Cc: Lee, Tim
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Also, regarding you answer that green space bonds would require a millage rate increase, that would not be true if the .33 mills were dedicated to green space, as opposed to SunTrust Park. If the stadium is such a "transformational" project, then why not explain that to voters and tell them that the property tax increase is worth it?

Thanks again,

DK

From: Brownlow, Kellie [<mailto:Kellie.Brownlow@cobbcounty.org>]
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2016 4:15 PM
To: Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta)
Subject: RE: Request

Dan,

Once again you are writing a story based on your pre-determined and preferred narrative. Even though Chairman Lee's answers and the facts don't fit into your narrative, his response is below.

Chairman Lee says the parks bond issue is not tied to SunTrust Park. And yet, he says that .1 mill can be used for the park bonds program. Isn't that because .22 mills is dedicated to SunTrust Park, and doesn't that mean that the two issued are connected?

Dan, at the moment, we were negotiating a partnership with the Atlanta Braves on the ballpark, we were focused on what was perhaps the most transformational economic development project in Cobb County's history. Never once did I see such a moment as a choice between acquiring greenspace for Cobb County or a 1.2 billion investment in Cobb County.

Dedicating .1 mill will generate \$19 million, when the full millage would raise \$29 million. Voters approved a \$40 million bond issuance. Why do they not deserve dedicating the full .33 mills to the greenspace program?

As your paper reported, as far back as 2010, (<http://www.ajc.com/news/news/local/millions-for-parkland-in-cobb-county-highly-unlike/nQcPB/>) this bond program was always based on a promise to residents that there will be no millage increase with the bond. I did not support a millage increase with the bond then and I do not support a millage increase now.

Kellie

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From: Kell, Sheri
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2016 12:15 PM
To: Brownlow, Kellie
Subject: Fwd: Request

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta)" <Dan.Klepal@ajc.com>
Date: January 21, 2016 at 12:08:17 PM EST

To: "Kell, Sheri" <Sheri.Kell@cobbcounty.org>
Cc: "Lee, Tim (TLee@cobbcounty.org)" <TLee@cobbcounty.org>
Subject: RE: Request

My story will publish tomorrow. Please answer these questions:

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Thank you.

From: Kell, Sheri [<mailto:Sheri.Kell@cobbcounty.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 8:04 PM
To: Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta)
Subject: Re: Request

Dan - Regarding the email correspondence you requested you will need to file an ORR.

Thank you,
Sheri

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 20, 2016, at 5:14 PM, Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta) <Dan.Klepal@ajc.com> wrote:

Please provide the amortization schedule for the 1996 and 2006 park bonds issuances.

Thank you,

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